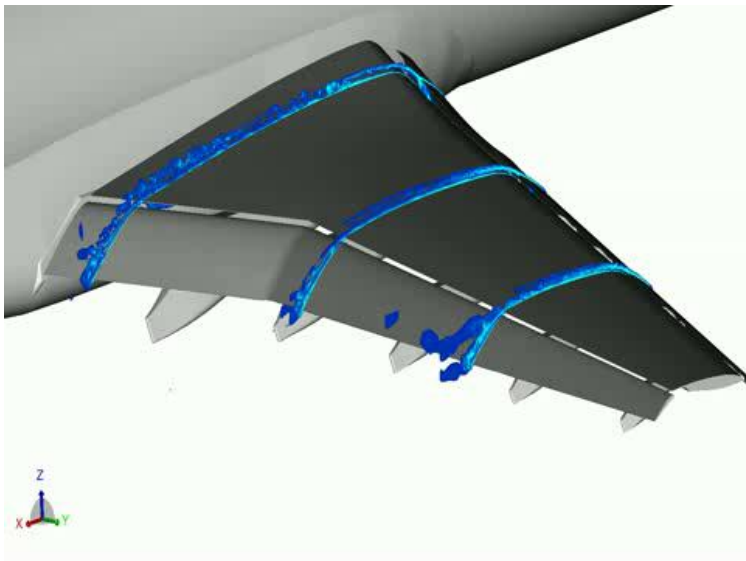


# PowerFLOW Analysis HiLiftPW-2 Configuration

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# Introduction

## Geometry and Model

- Based on DLR-F11 landing configuration
  - *EUROLIFT project*
  - *Wing/body with full span slat/flap (26.5°/32°)*
  - *Slat tracks and flap track fairings included*



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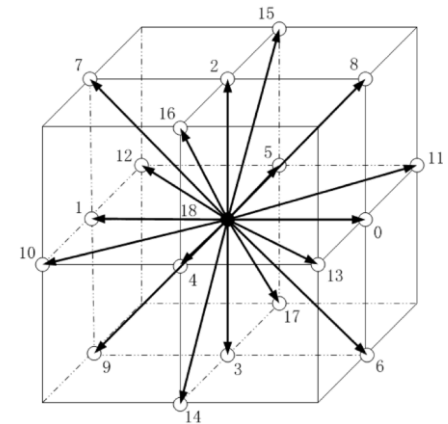
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# Lattice Boltzmann Method

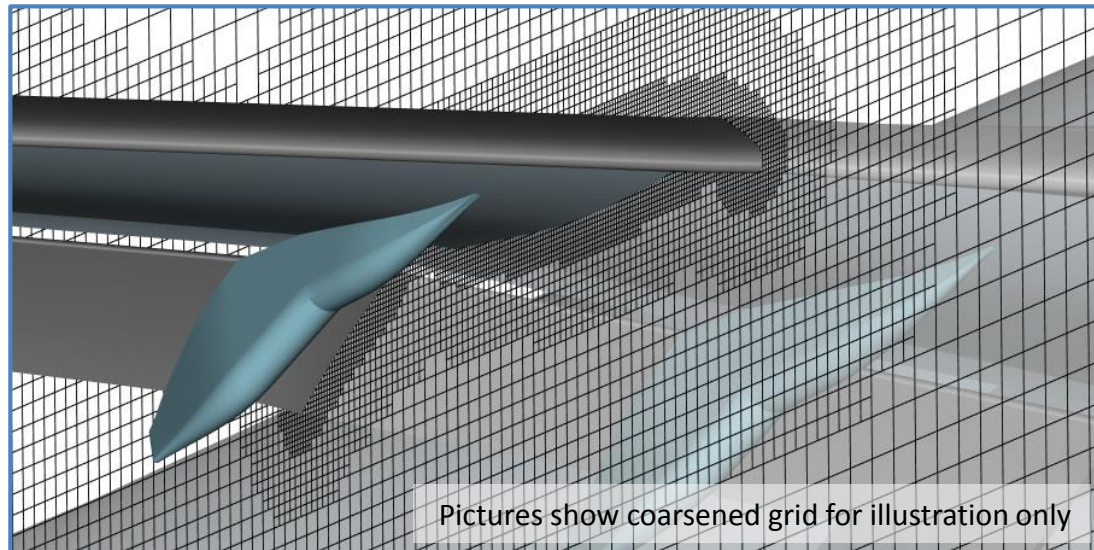
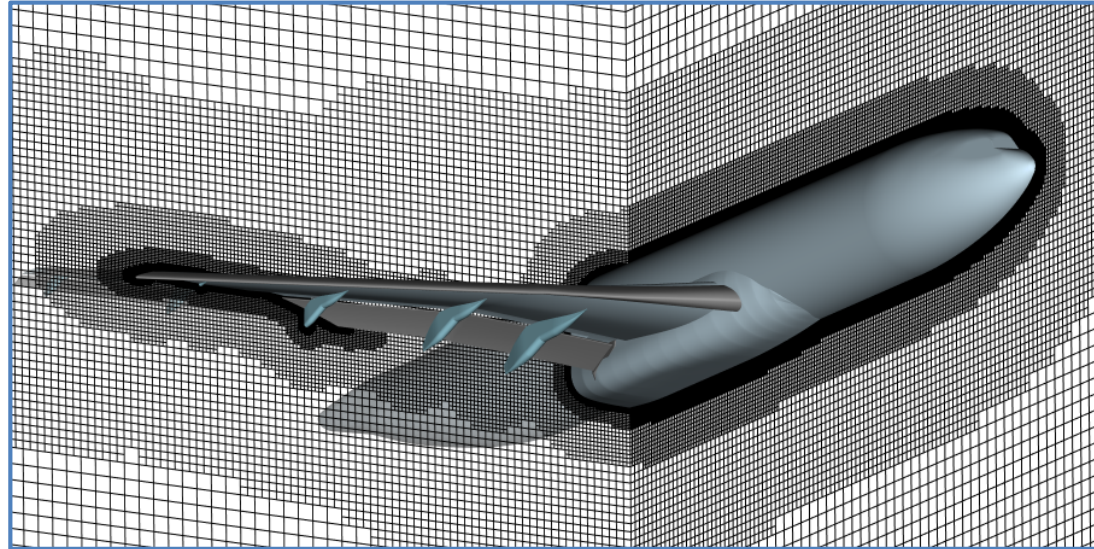
- Simulations performed with Lattice Boltzmann based solver PowerFLOW 5.0
  - *D3Q19 LBM*
    - Cubic cells (Voxels)
    - Surface elements (Surfels)
  - *Fully transient*
  - *Turbulence Model: LBM-VLES*
    - Modified RNG  $k$ - $\varepsilon$  model for unresolved scales
    - Swirl model
    - Extended wall model
  - *LTT Model*
    - Automatically determines transition locations



# Lattice Boltzmann Method

## Grid Scheme

- Cartesian Grid
- Voxel/Surfel concept with cut cells  
→ no surface fitted grid required
- Automatic and robust grid generation process



Pictures show coarsened grid for illustration only



# Case Sizes and Computation Resources

- Case sizes for low Reynolds number cases

Case	Total Voxels	FeVoxels
Free-air	$405 \times 10^6$	$100 \times 10^6$
Wind tunnel	$470 \times 10^6$	$110 \times 10^6$

- Compute Resources (free-air simulation)

Number of nodes	560
Architecture	Intel Sandybridge, 2.7GHz
Runtime to convergence (~0.15s)	20000 CPUh, 1.5d wall-clock time

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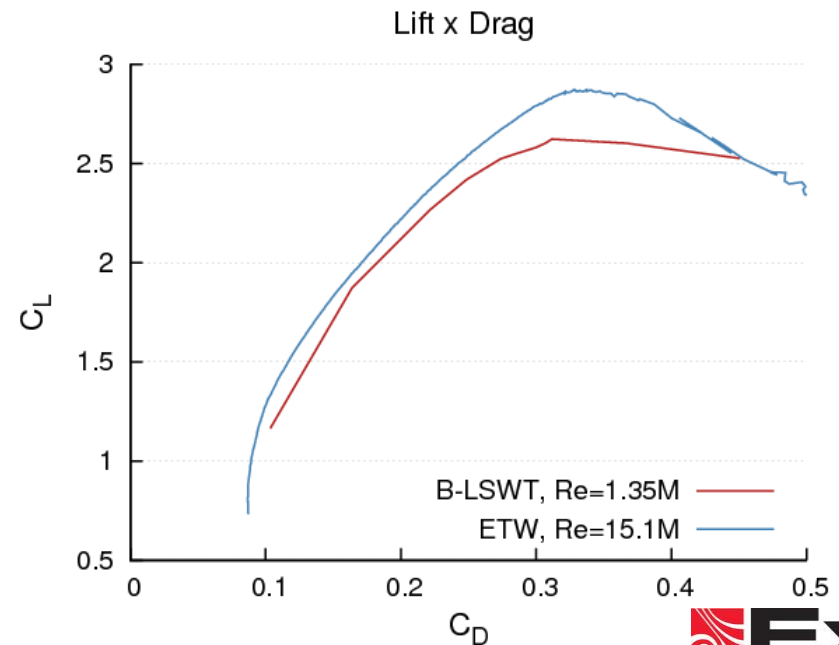
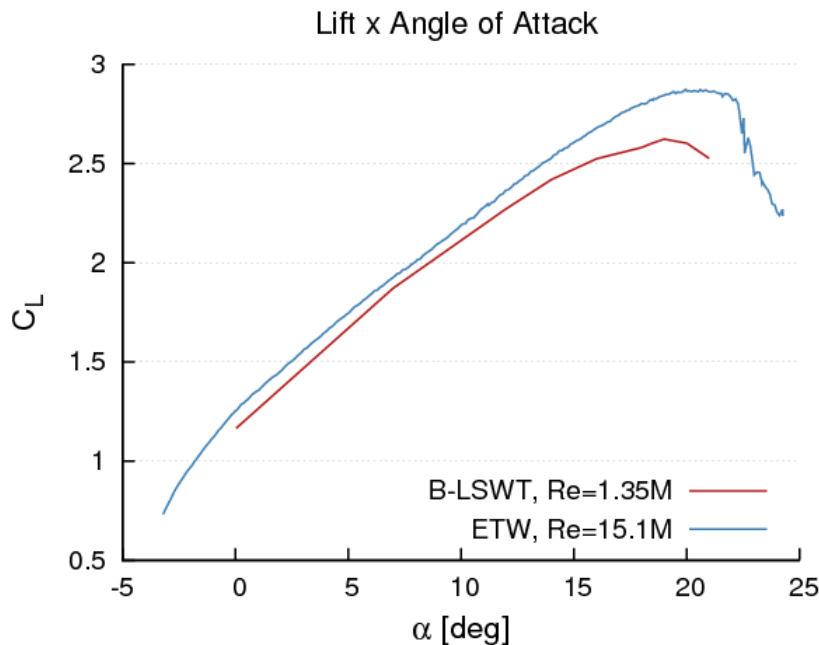
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# Reynolds Number Study

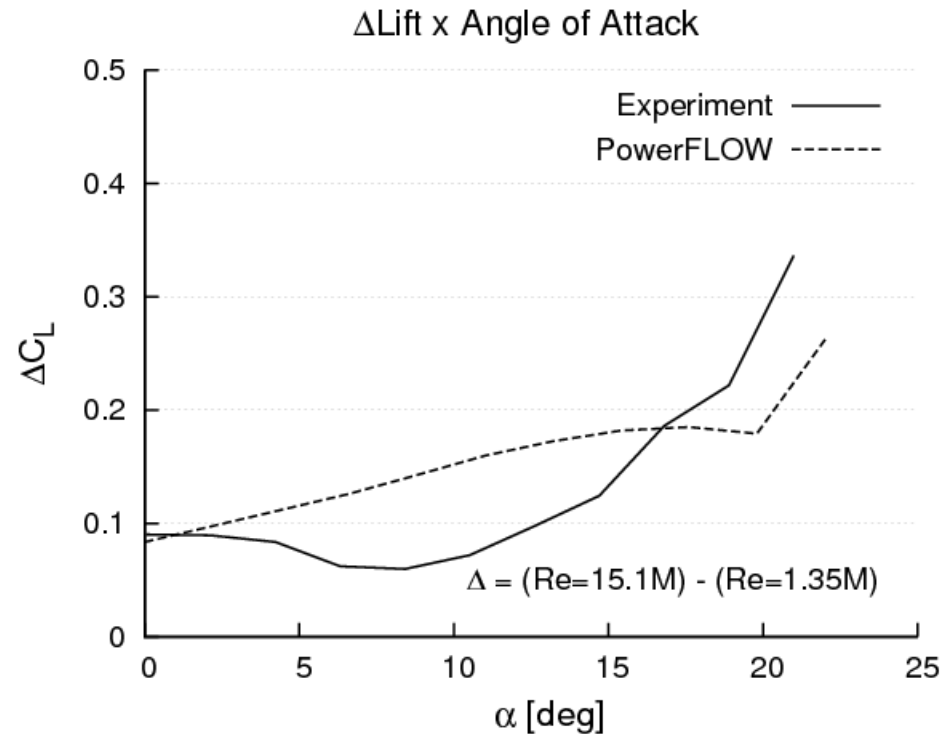
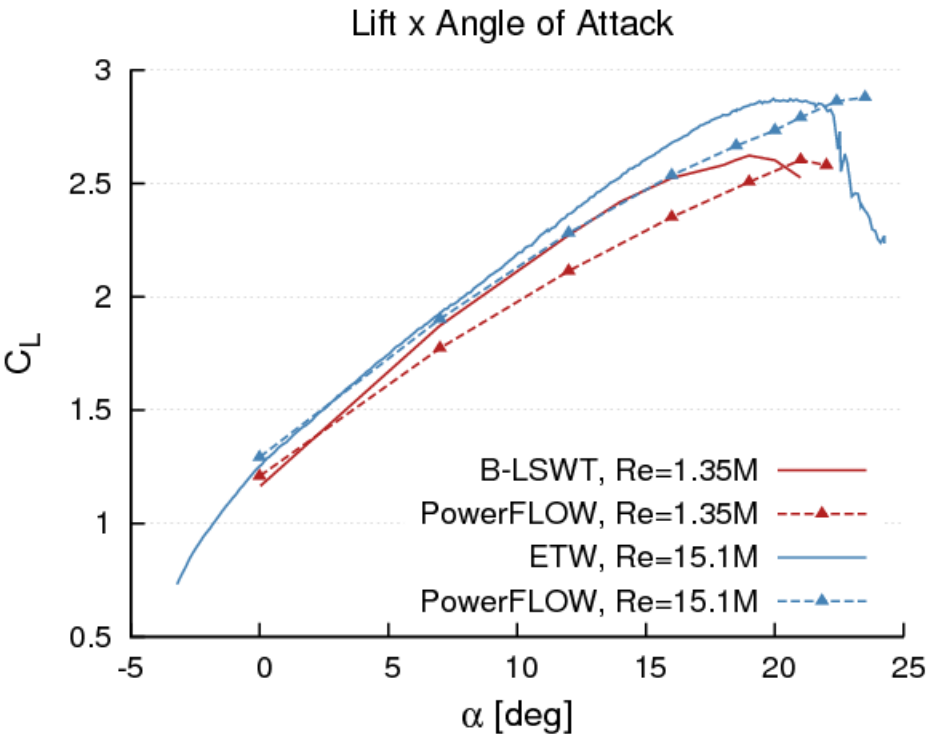
## Introduction

- Compare full polars at two Reynolds numbers
  - $Re_{low} = 1.35 \times 10^6$  (B-LSWT)
  - $Re_{hi} = 15.1 \times 10^6$  (ETW)
- Grids specific to each Reynolds number used



# Reynolds Number Study

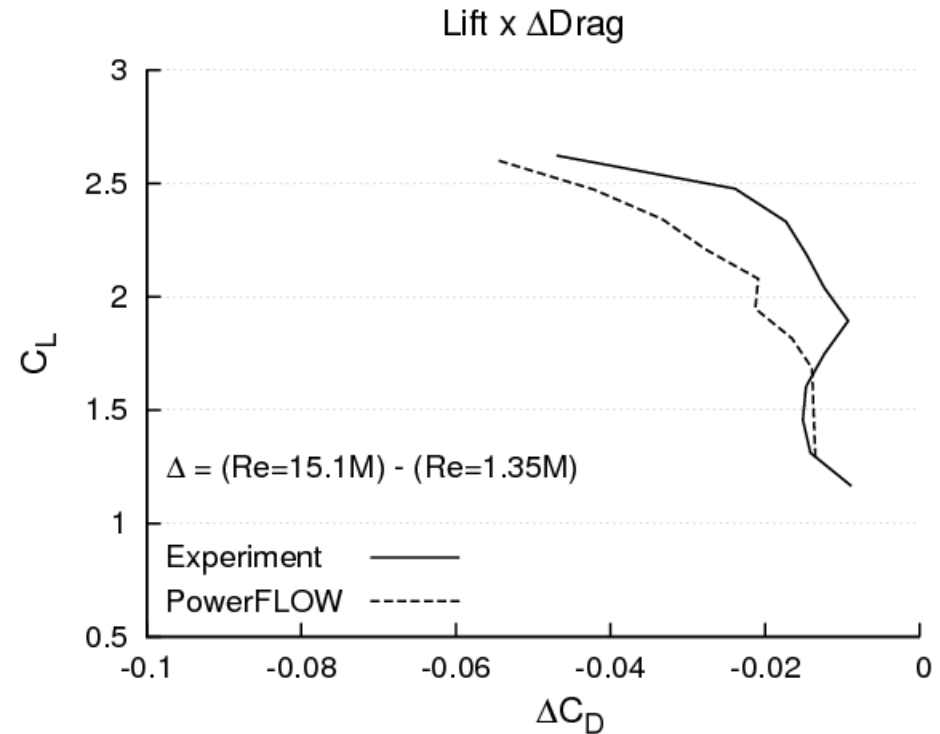
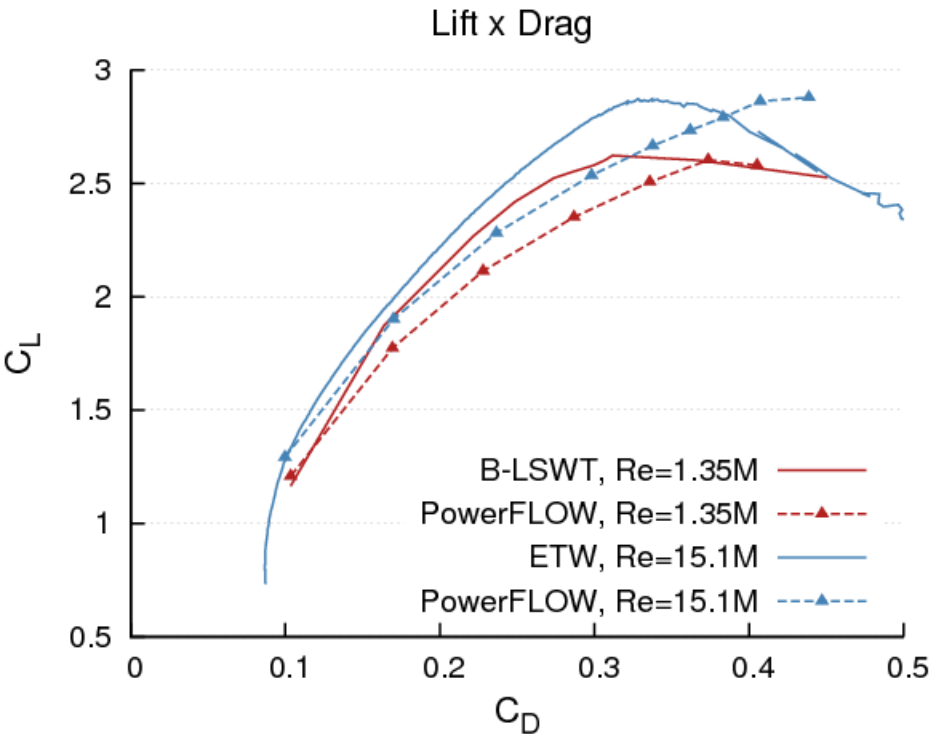
## Lift Polar



- $C_{L,max}$  well predicted for both Reynolds numbers
- Differences in lift slope and stall angle
- Reynolds trend captured well

# Reynolds Number Study

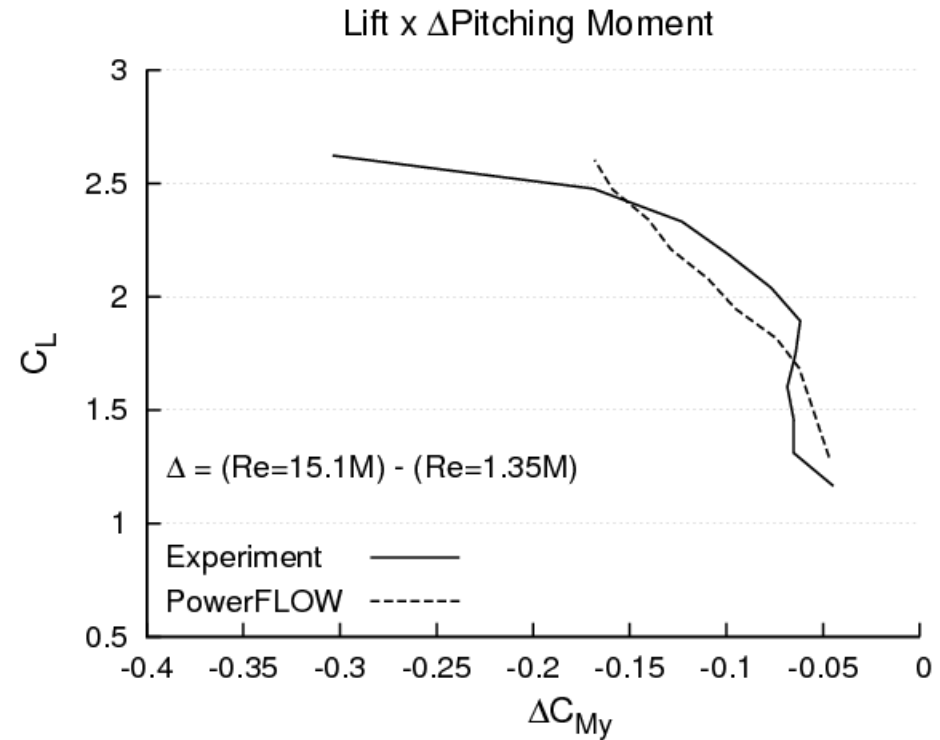
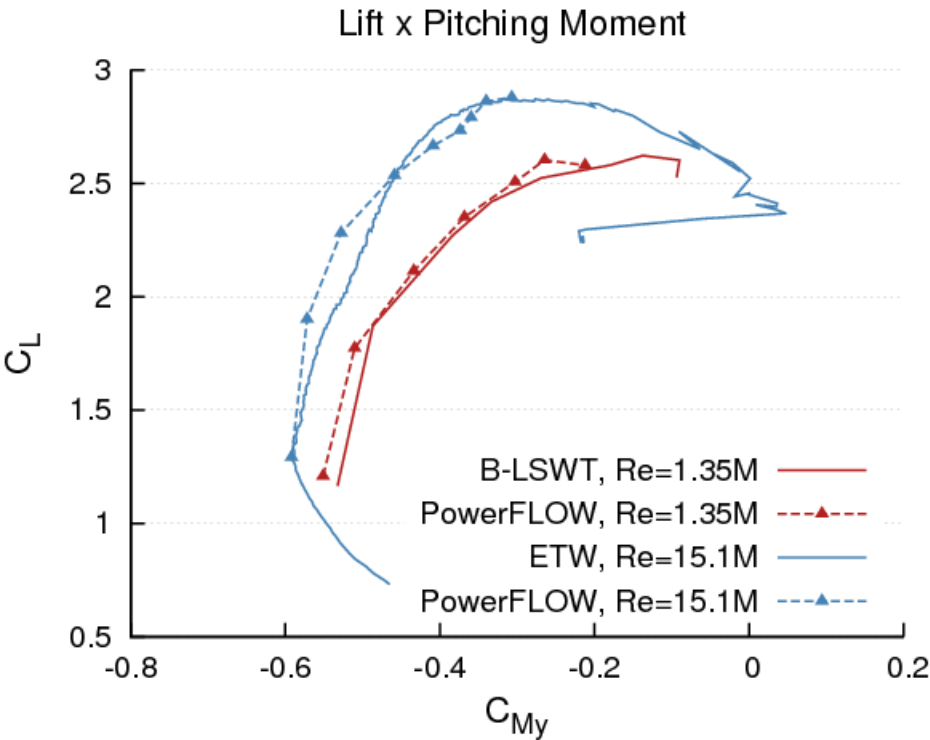
## Drag Polar



- Very good agreement at low  $C_L$
- Increasing deviation at higher  $C_L$  / AoA
- Reynolds trend captured well

# Reynolds Number Study

## Pitching Moment Polar

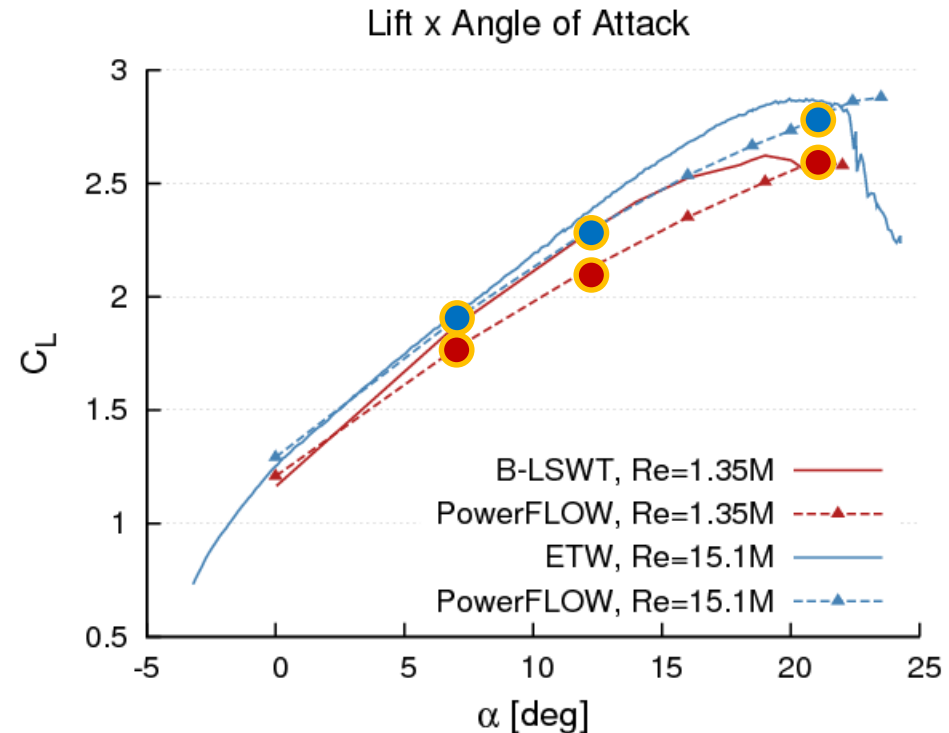
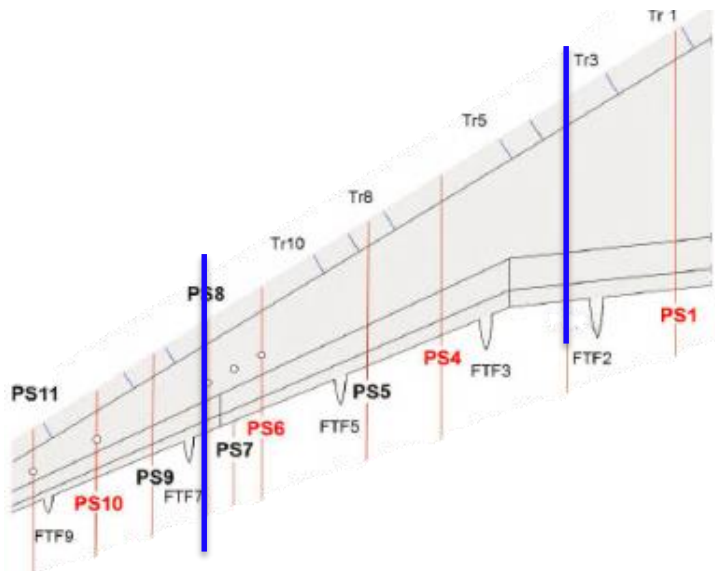


- Pitching moment very well captured
- Reynolds trend also captured well

# Reynolds Number Study

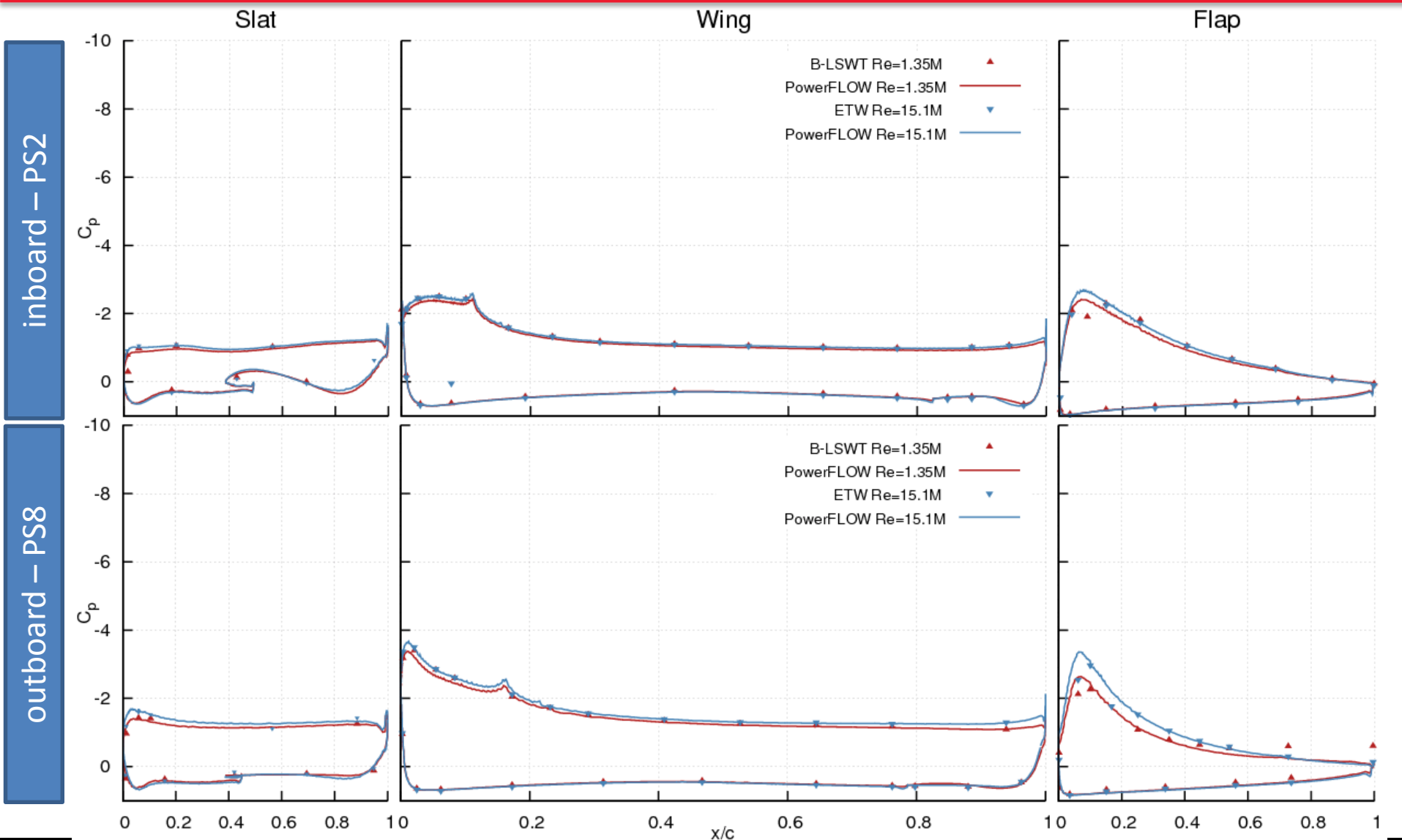
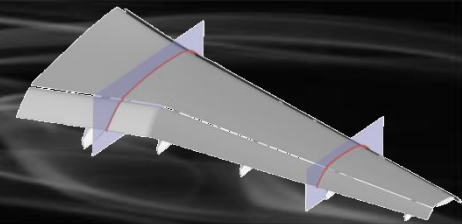
## Pressure Distributions

- Pressure distributions at  $\alpha = 7^\circ, 16^\circ, 21^\circ$  are shown
- Inboard (PS02) and outboard (PS08) sections



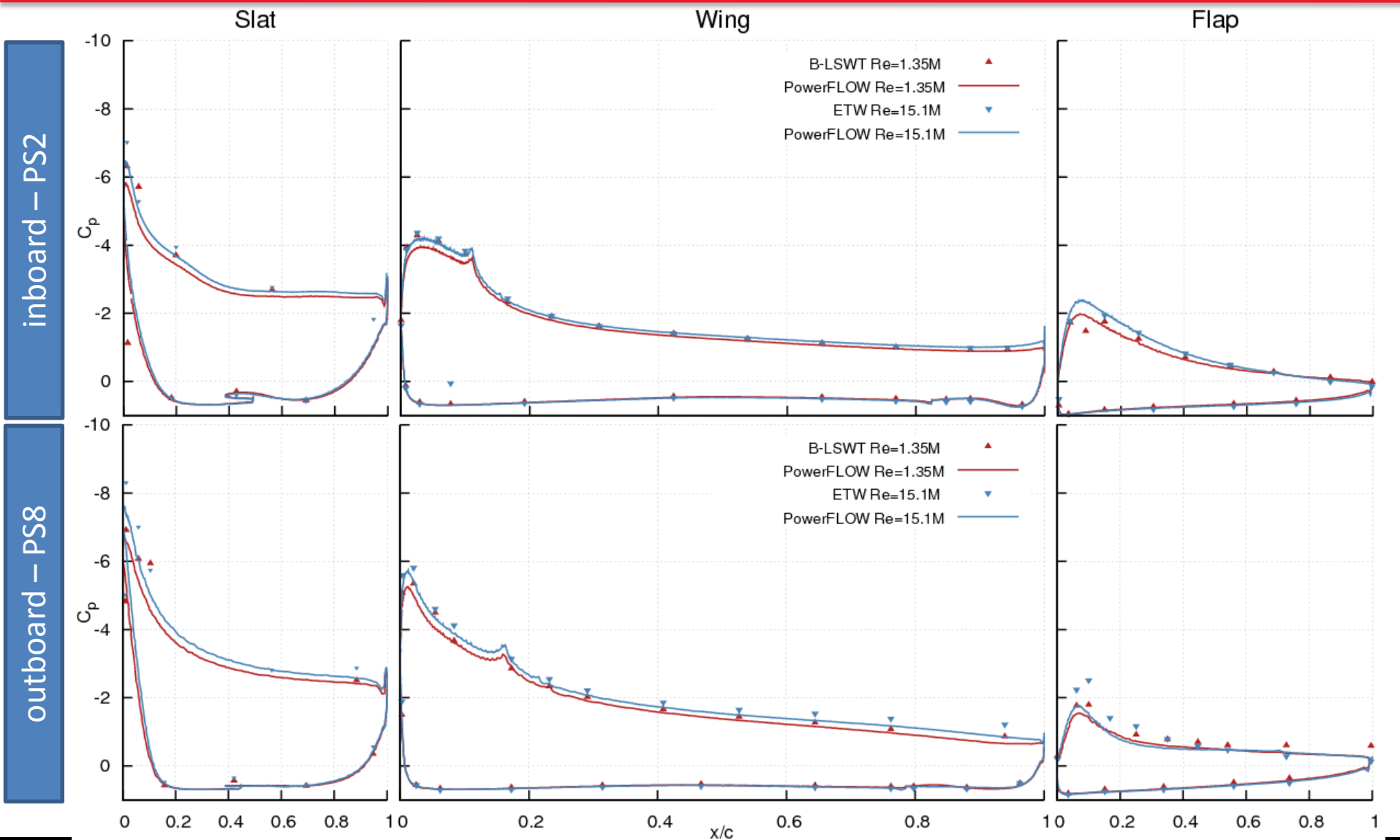
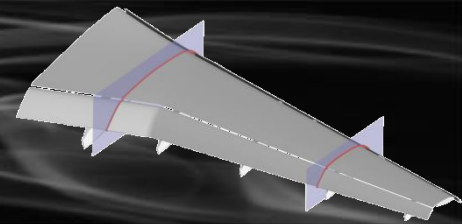
# Reynolds Number Study

## Pressure Distributions – Alpha = 7deg



# Reynolds Number Study

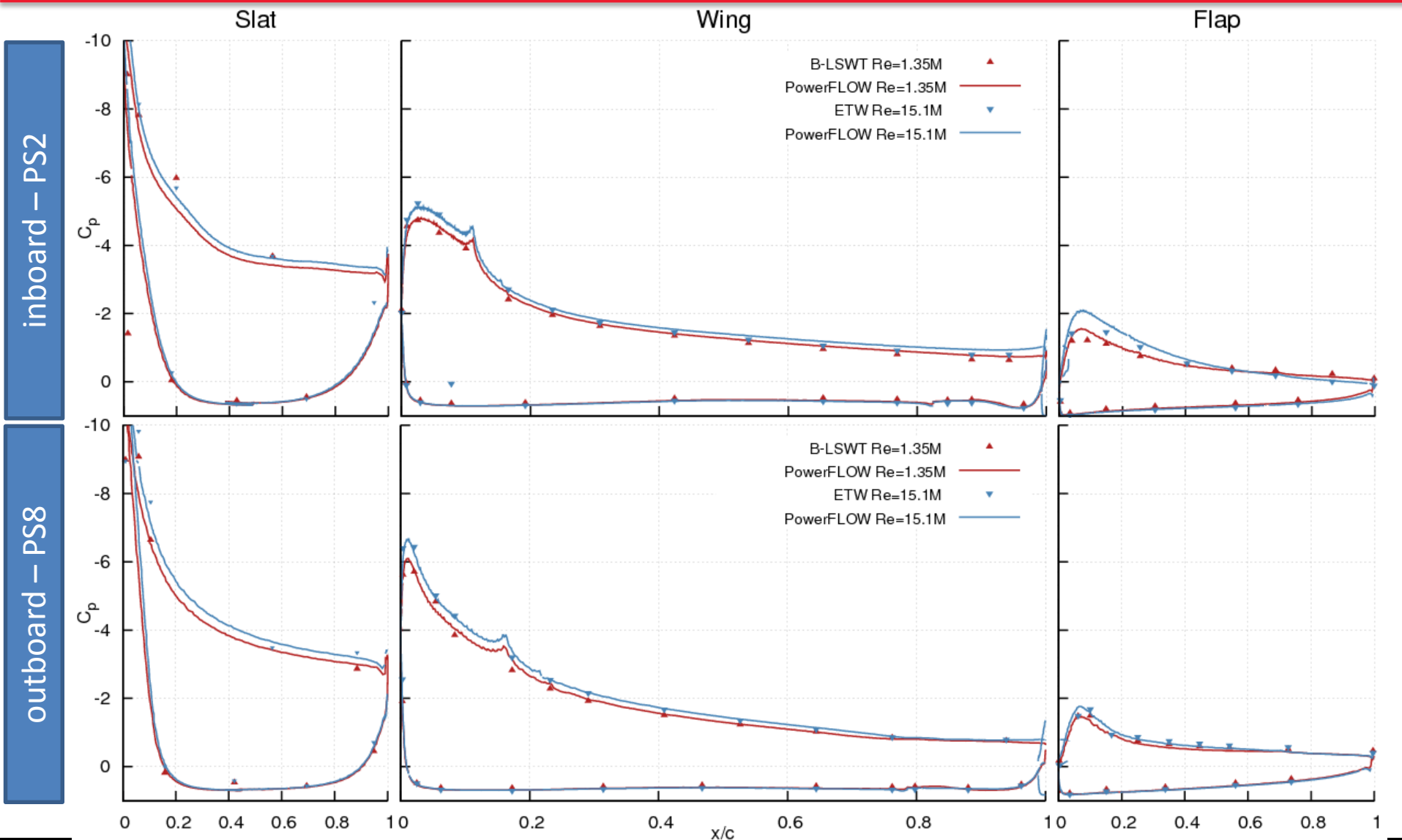
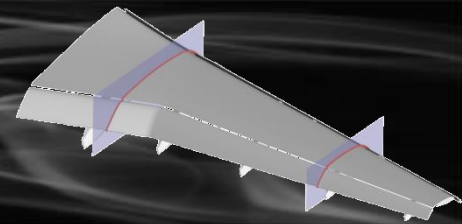
## Pressure Distributions – Alpha = 16deg





# Reynolds Number Study

## Pressure Distributions – Alpha = 21deg



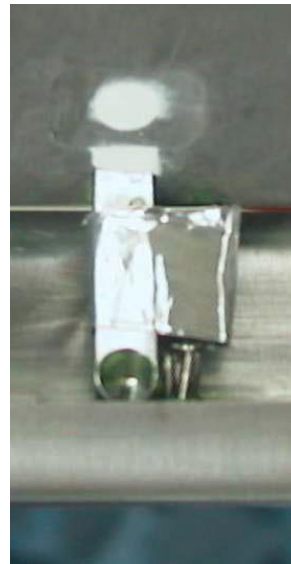
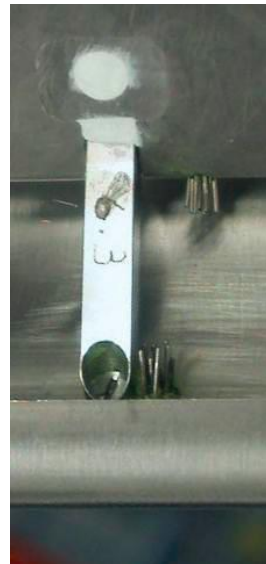
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# Full Configuration Study

## Introduction

- Compare two levels of geometrical complexity
  - *Config 4 (w/o pressure tube bundles)*
  - *Config 5 (with pressure tube bundles)*
- Measurements at B-LSWT showed significant impact of these bundles on stall behavior

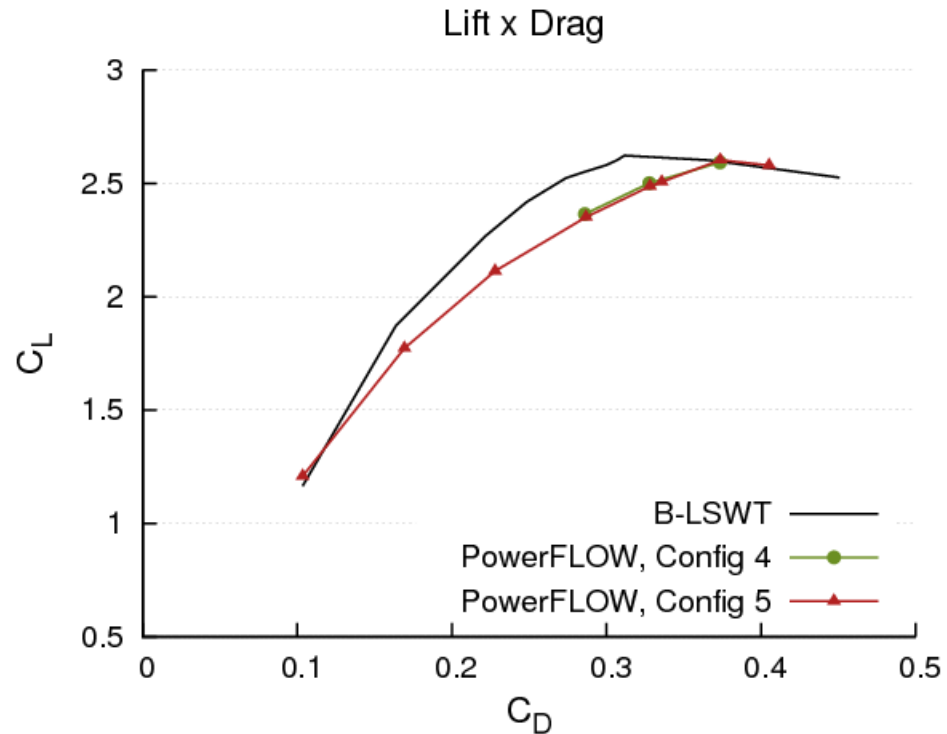
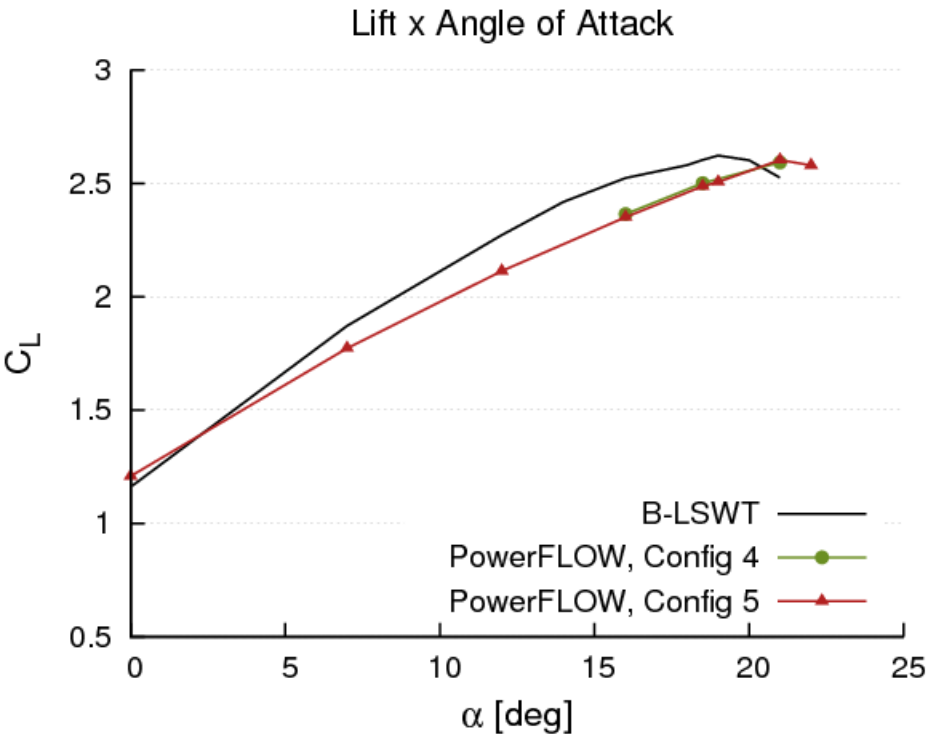


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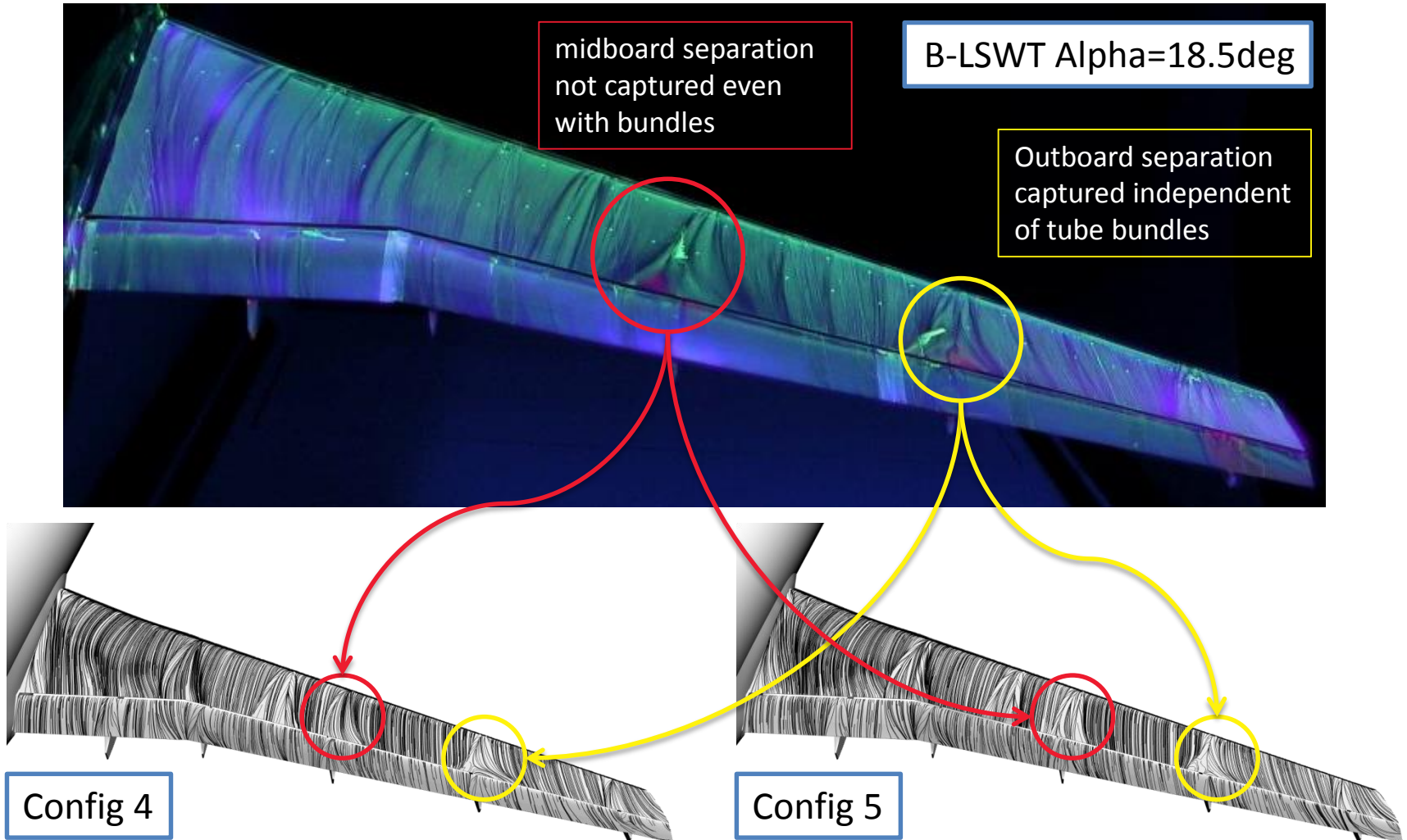
## Lift Polar



- Basically identical forces
  - Presence of the bundles has no significant impact on forces
- Simulation does not capture bundle effect on stall

# Full Configuration Study

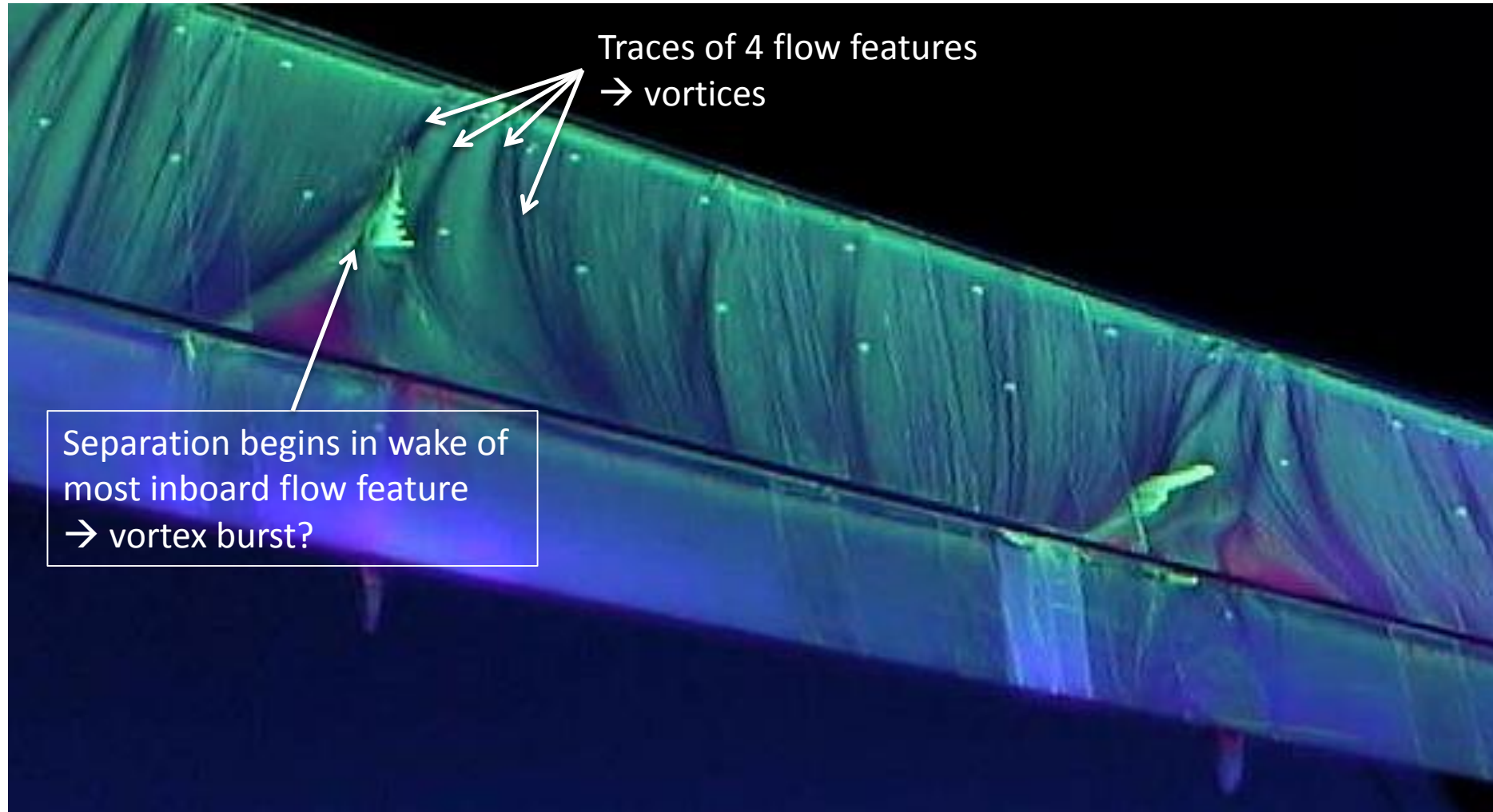
## Surface Visualization – Oilflow Flow / Streamlines





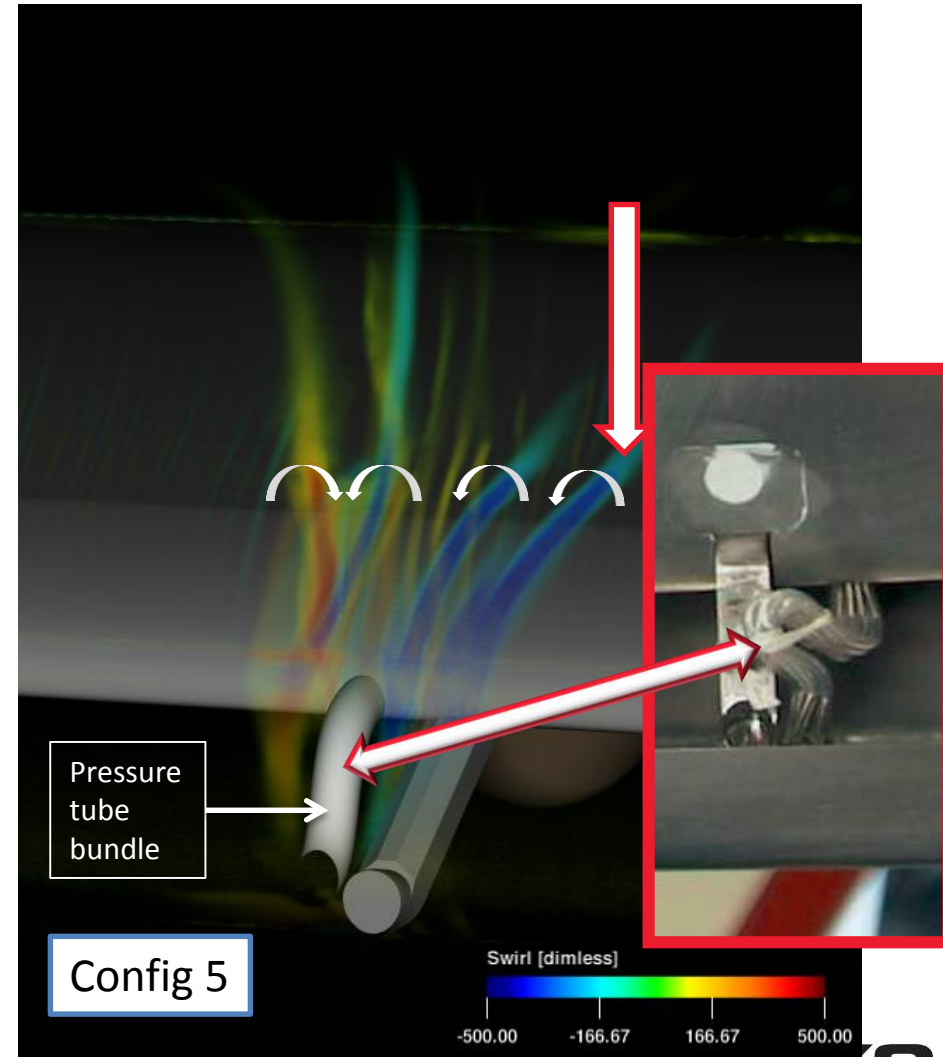
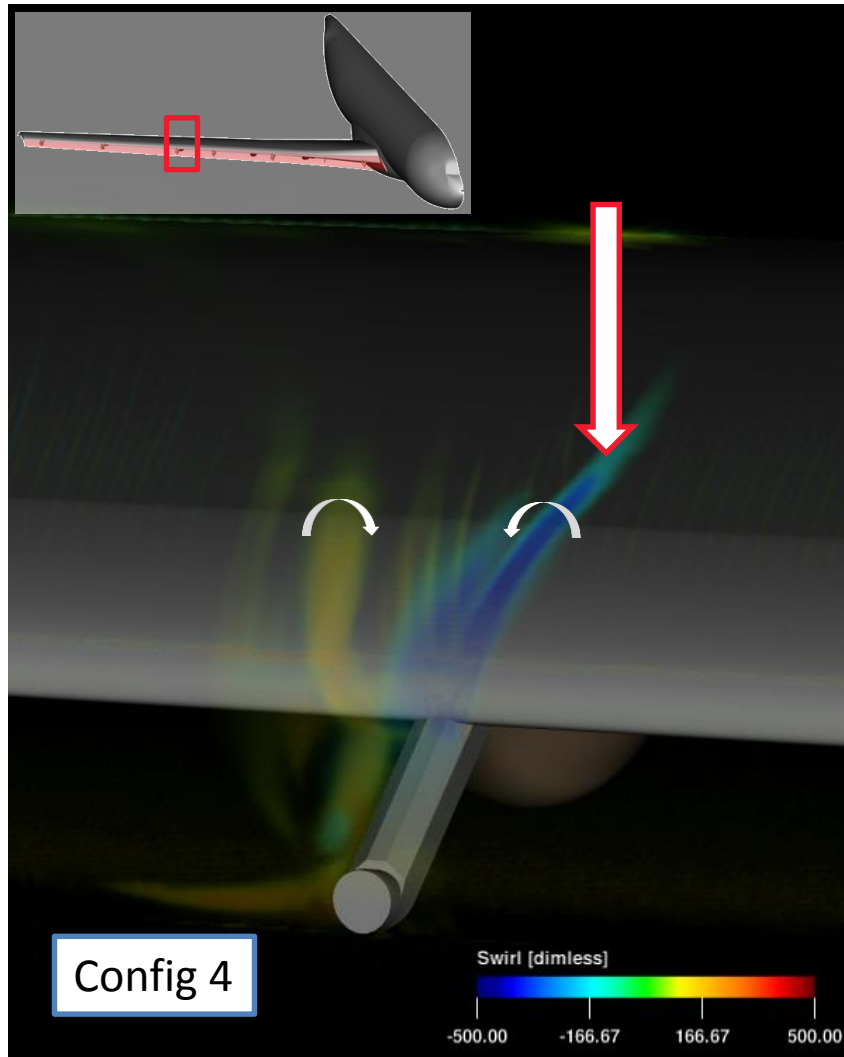
# Full Configuration Study

## Surface Visualization – Oilflow Detail



# Full Configuration Study

## Volume Visualization – Swirl





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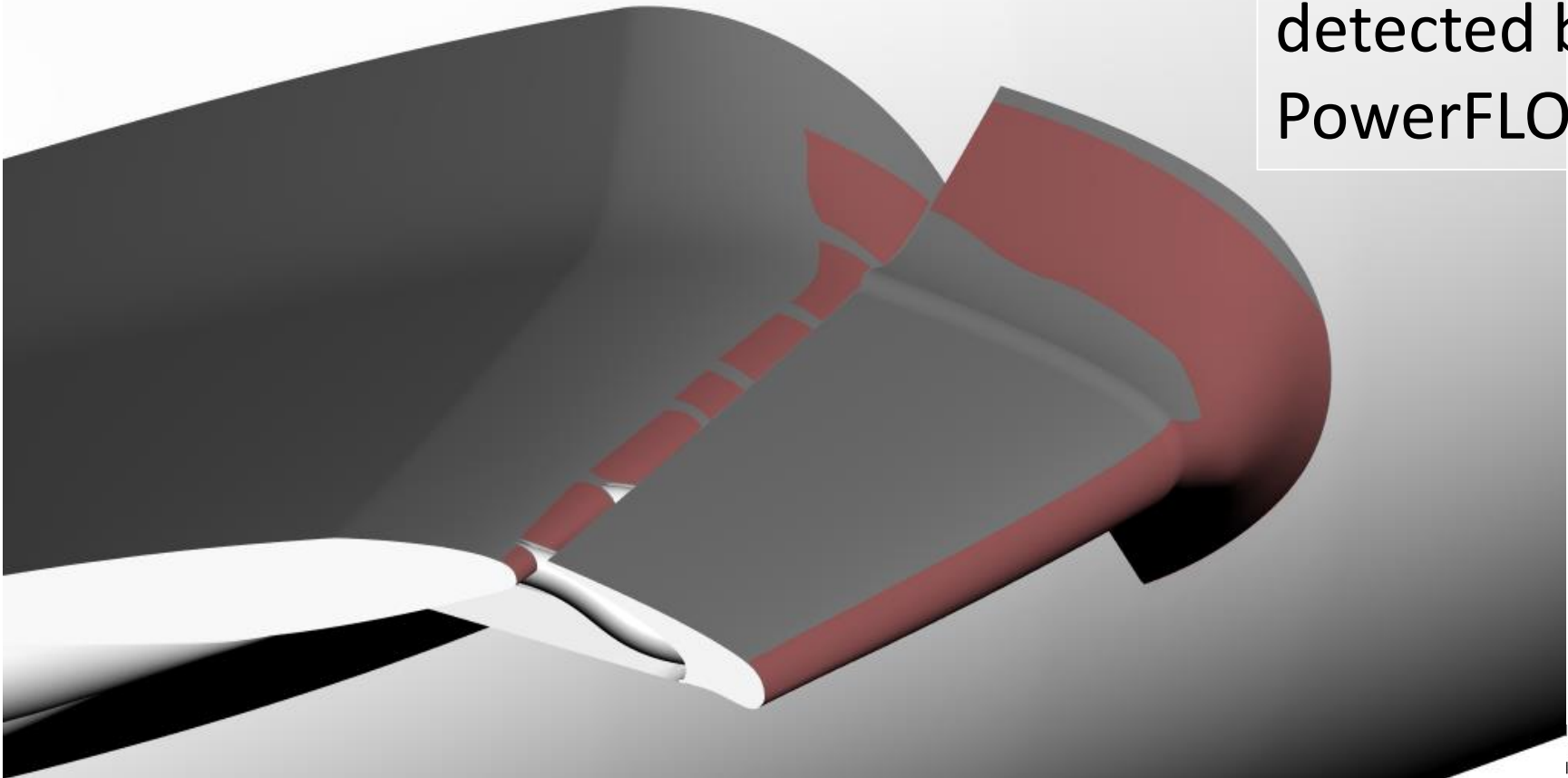
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# Laminar/Turbulent Transition Study

## Laminar Regions Detected



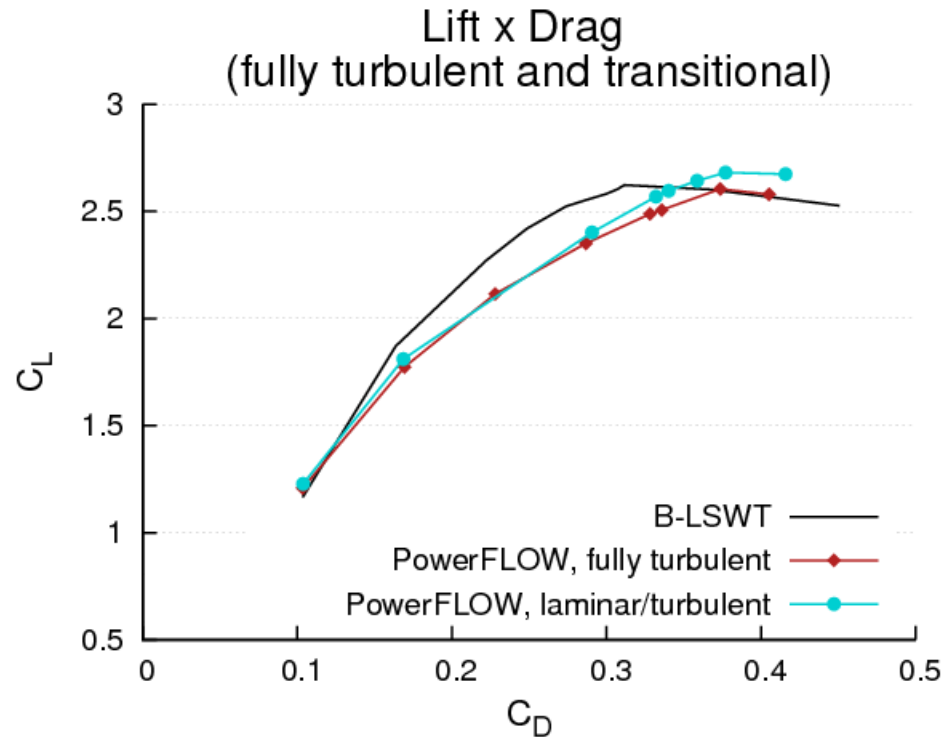
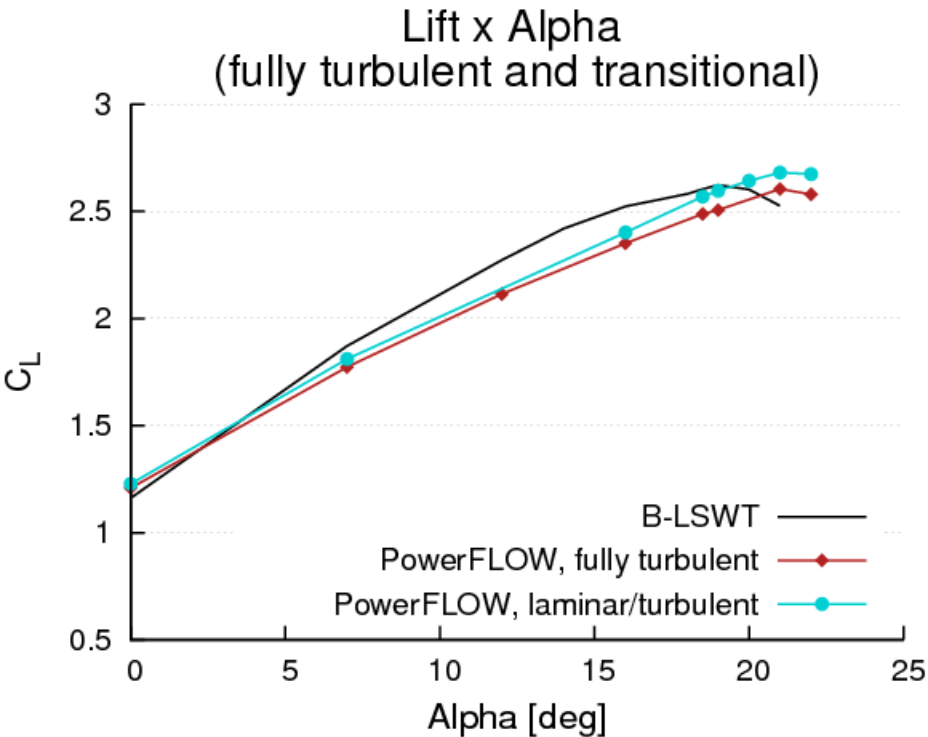
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# Laminar/Turbulent Transition Study

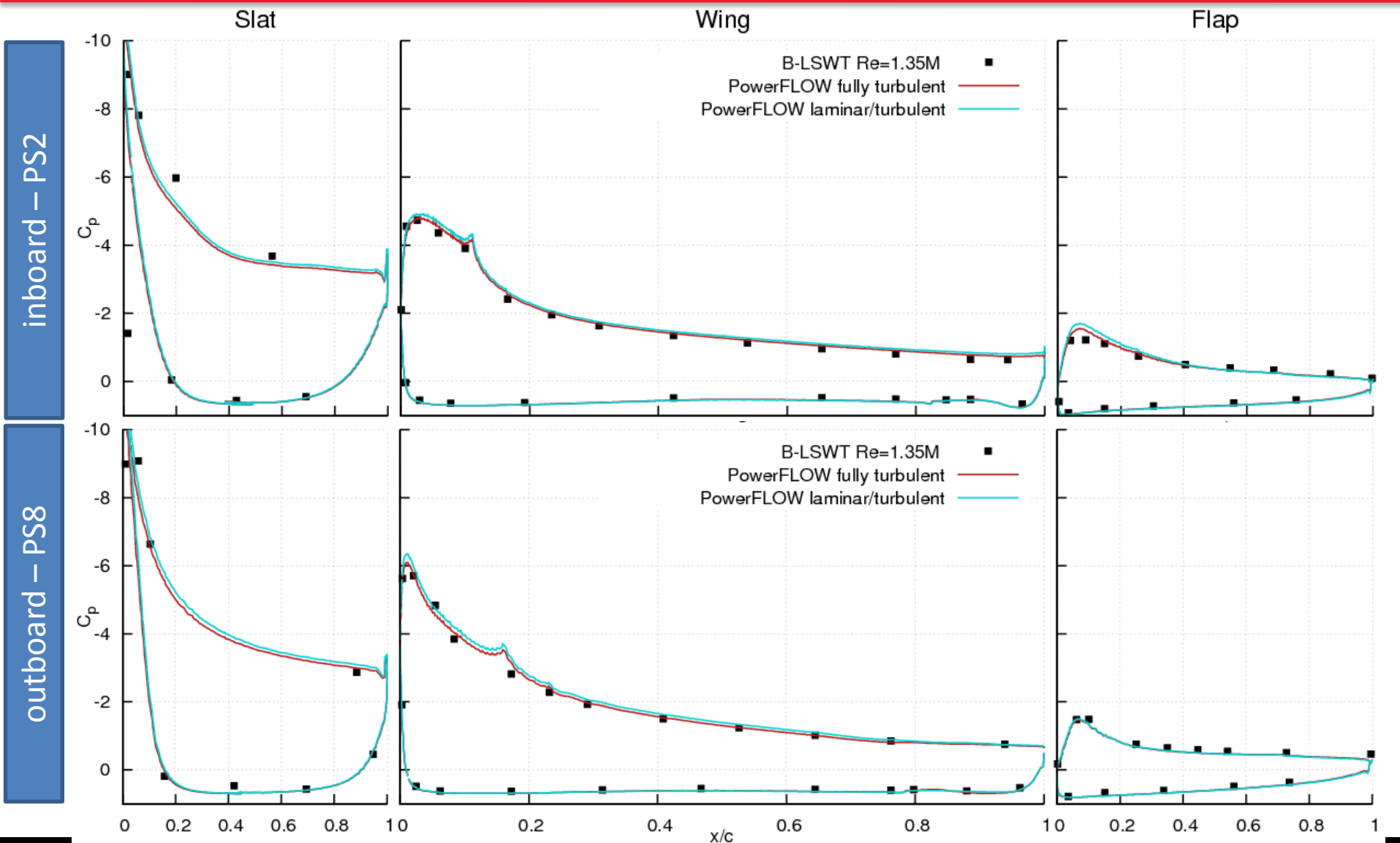
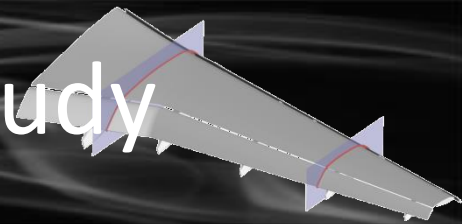
## Lift and Drag Polars



- Lift increase of 7-8 lift counts around  $C_{L,max}$
- In line with expectation of non-negligible transition effect

# Laminar/Turbulent Transition Study

## Pressure Distributions – Alpha = 21deg



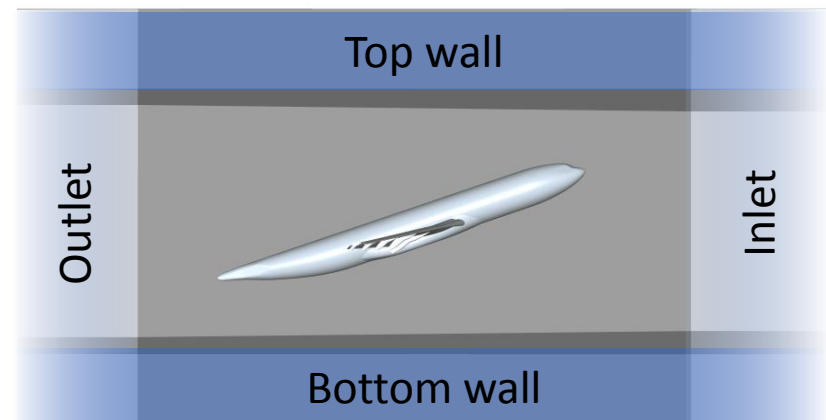
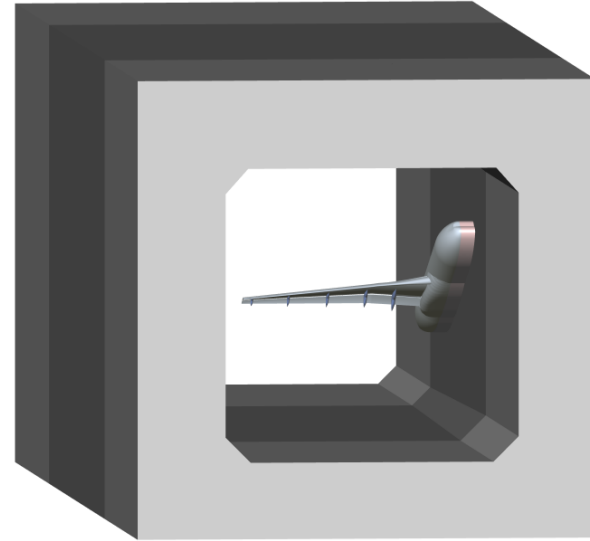
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# Wind Tunnel Effect Study

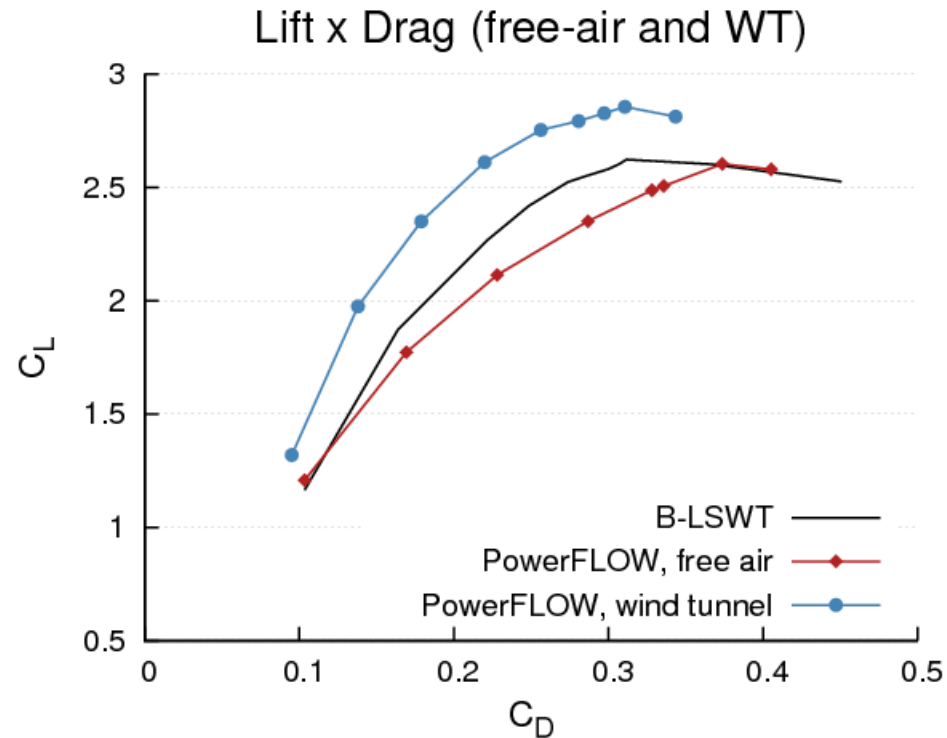
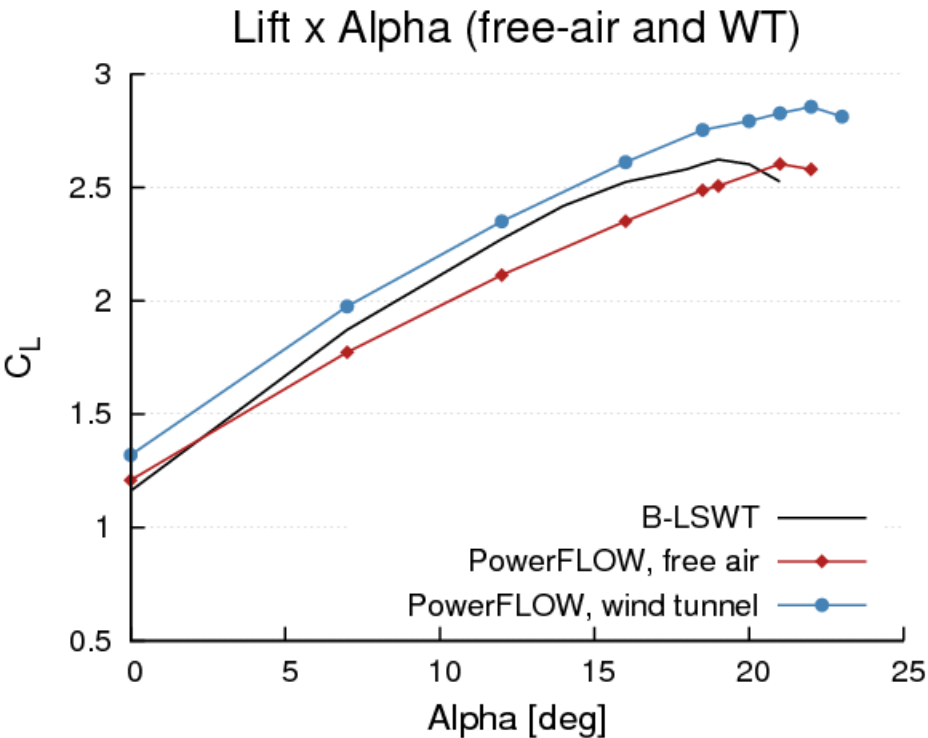
## Introduction

- Generic wind tunnel test section with dimensions similar to B-LSWT
  - *cross section  $2.1 \times 2.1 \text{ m}^2$*
  - *Test section length  $4.45 \text{ m}$*
- Peniche height 100 mm
- Near-field grid similar to previous Low-Reynolds setup
- No official corrections available for wind tunnel simulations



# Wind Tunnel Effect Study

## Lift and Drag Polars



- Uncorrected WT simulation → not directly comparable
- Overall polar shape seems improved



# Wind Tunnel Effect Study

## Generic Wind Tunnel Corrections

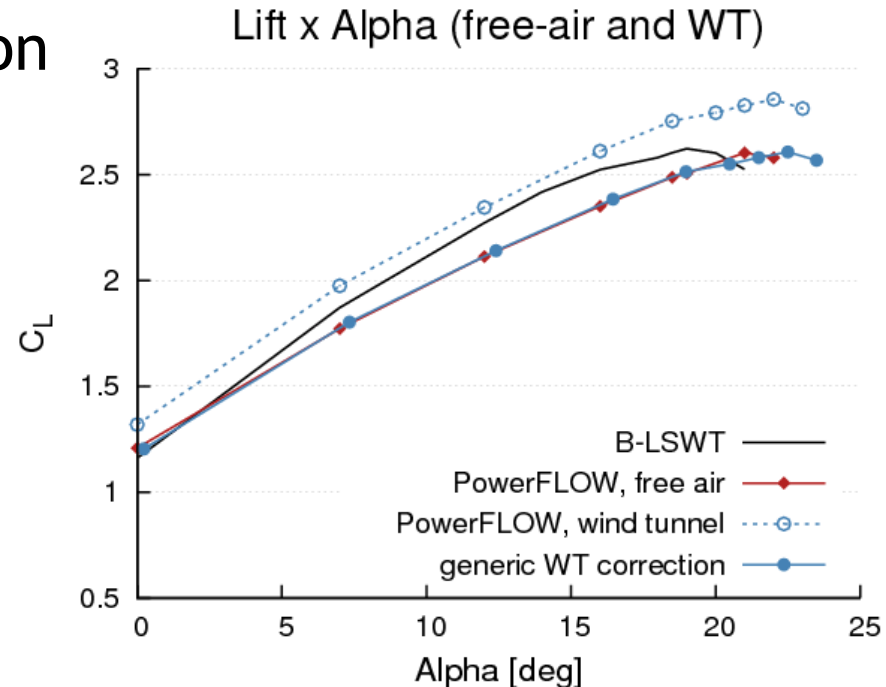
- Generic wind tunnel correction

- $\Delta\alpha = \delta_\alpha C_L$
- $\Delta C_L = \delta_{CL} C_L$
- $\Delta C_D = \delta_\alpha C_L^2$
- $\Delta C_M = -\frac{\delta_{CL}}{8} C_L$

- Interference parameters  $\delta_\alpha$  and  $\delta_{CL}$  chosen to match free-air simulation in linear range

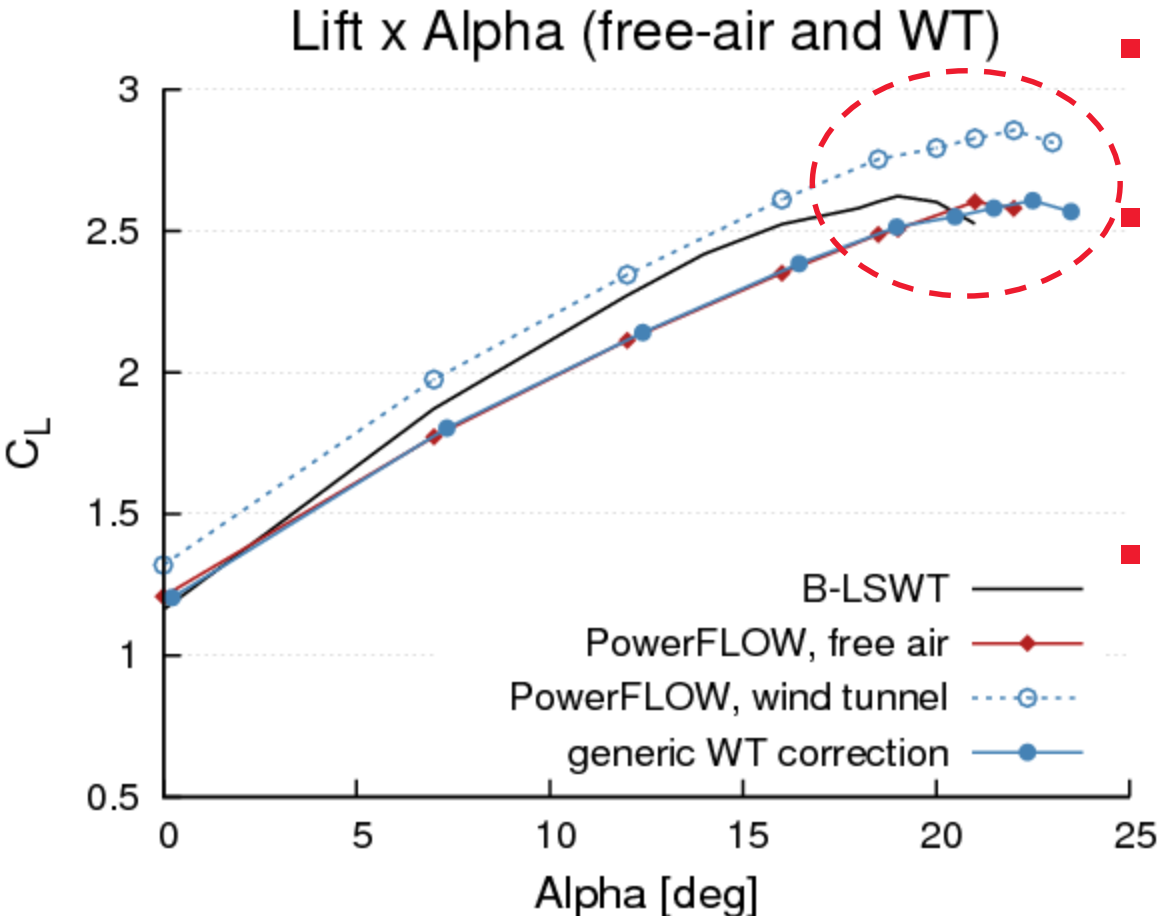
- Goal: free-air and WT simulations corrected to similar standard

- For more details click [here](#)
- For a check of the method on the HiLiftPW-1 Trap Wing model click [here](#)



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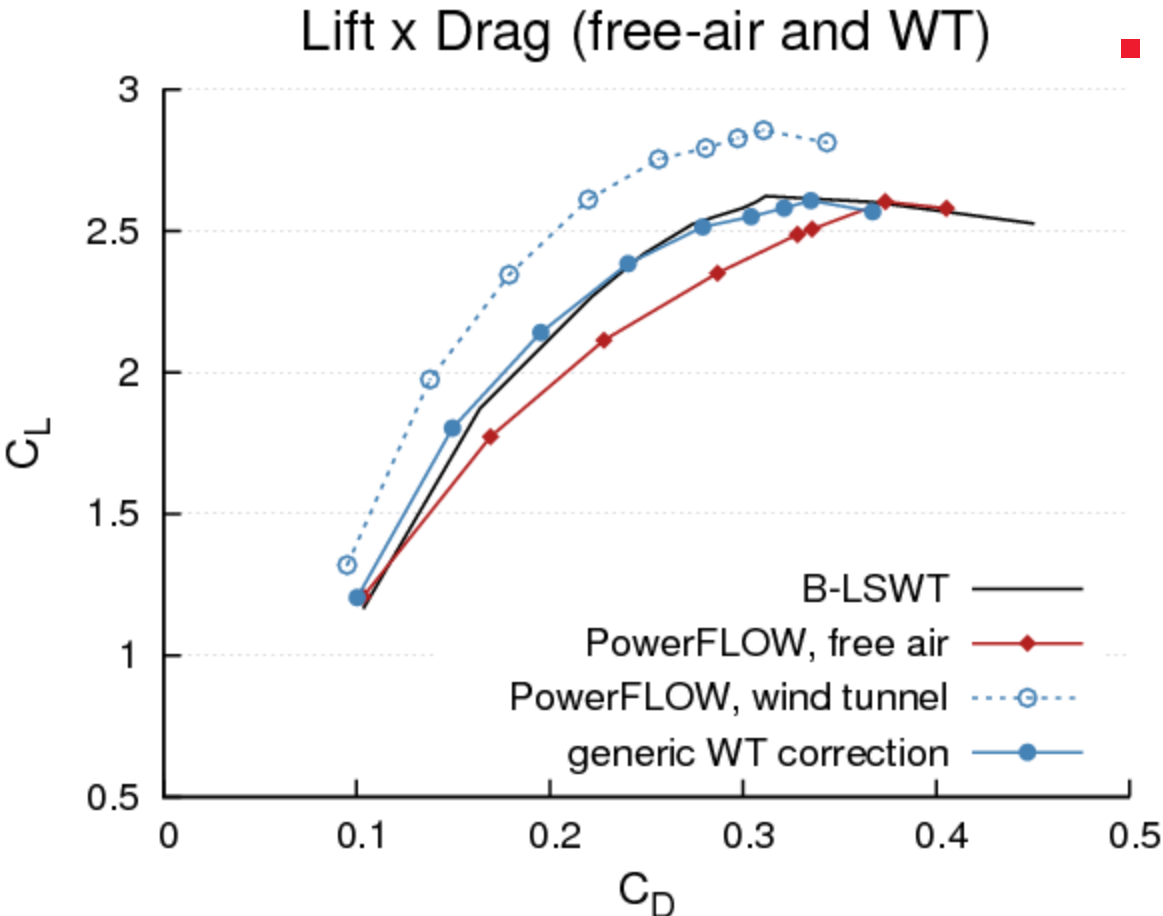
## Lift Polar – Corrected



- Identical behavior in linear range
- Non-linearity at low  $C_L$  slightly captured by WT simulation
- “dip” just before  $C_{L,max}$  is captured

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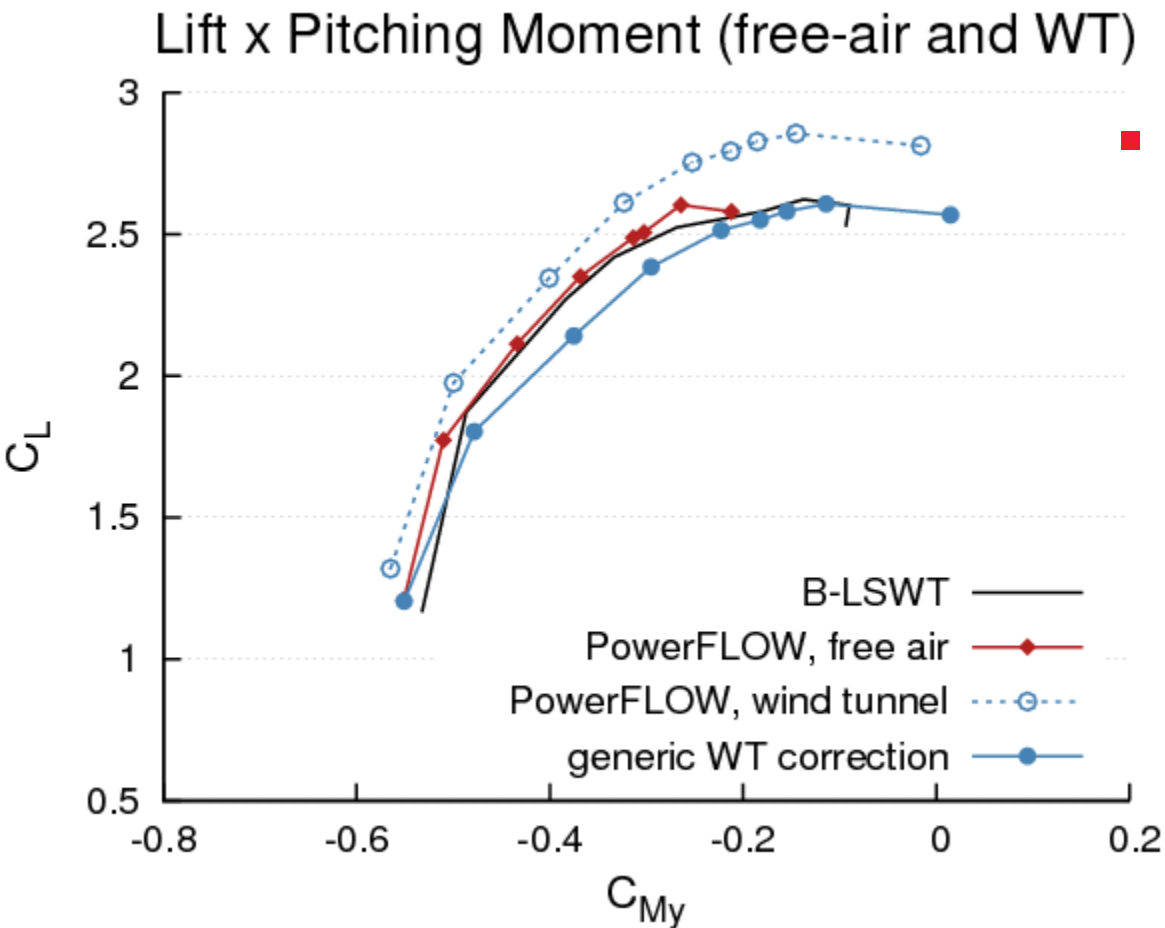
## Lift x Drag Polar – Corrected



- Nearly perfect match of corrected WT polar

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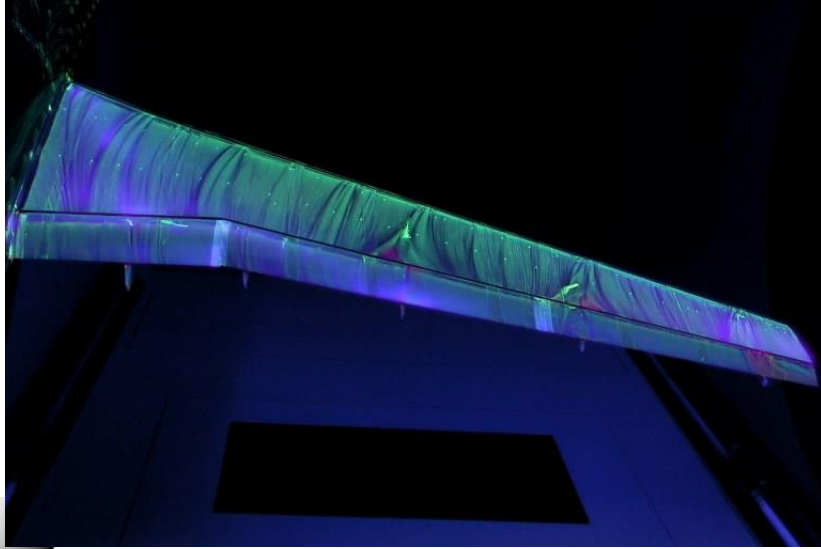
## Lift x Pitching Moment Polar – Corrected



- Good match of both corrected WT and free-air polars

# Oilflow / Streamline Visualizations

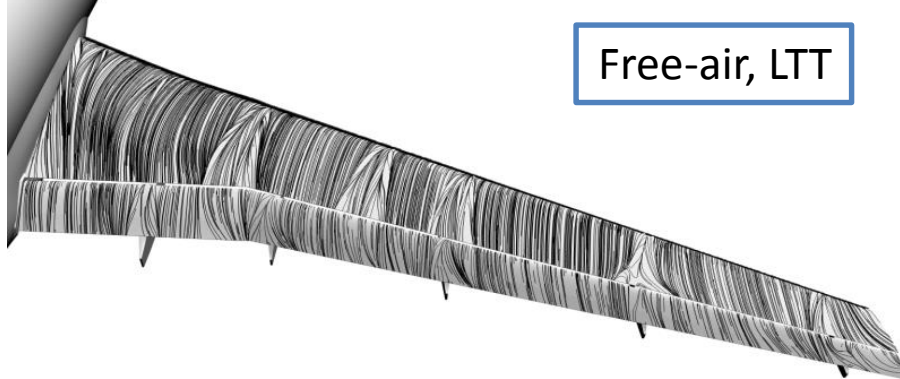
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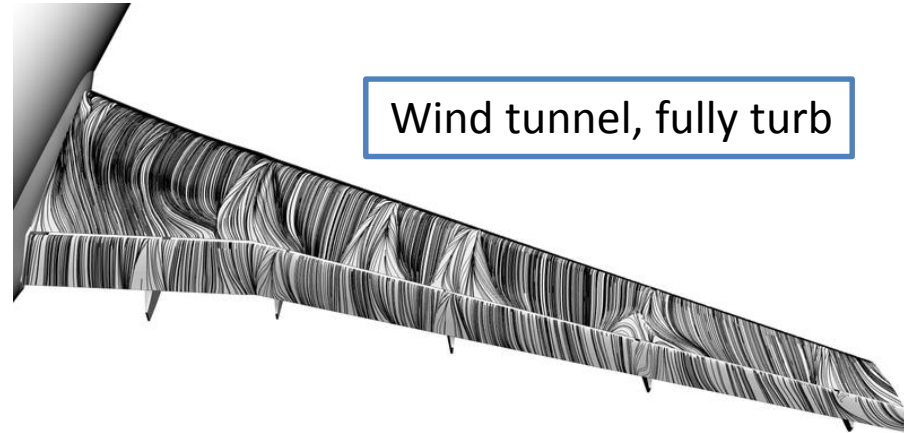
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Free-air, fully turb

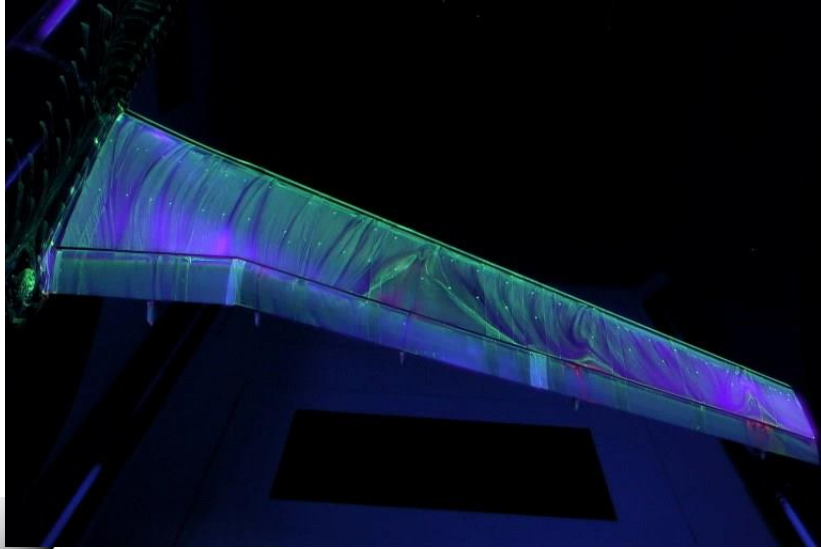


Wind tunnel, fully turb



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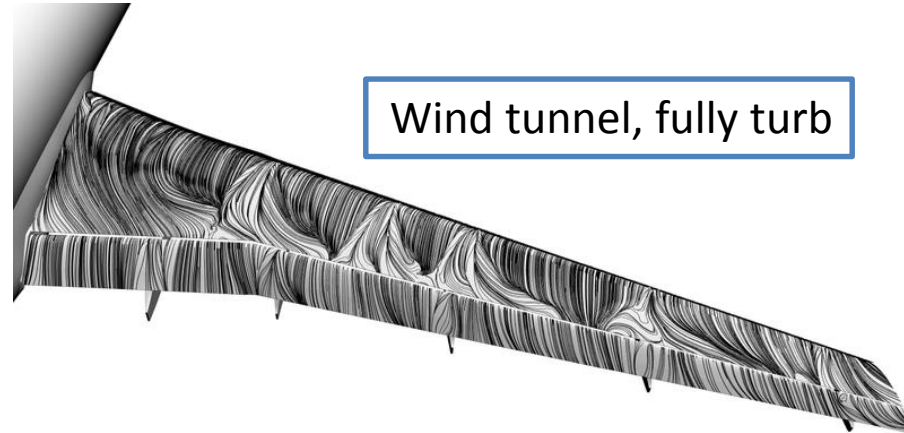
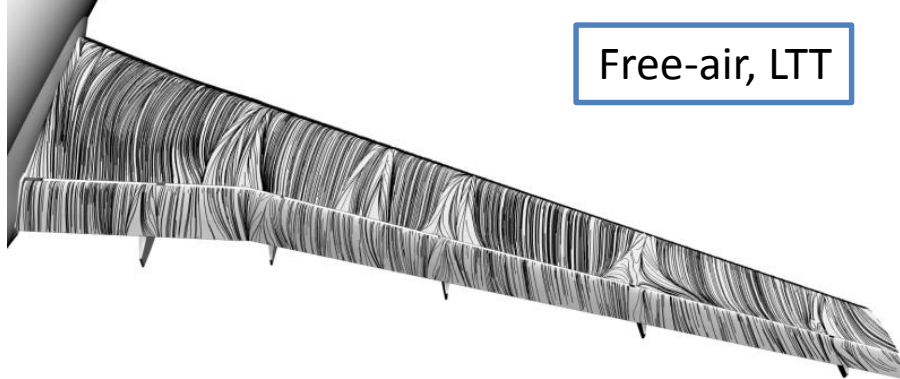
## 21deg



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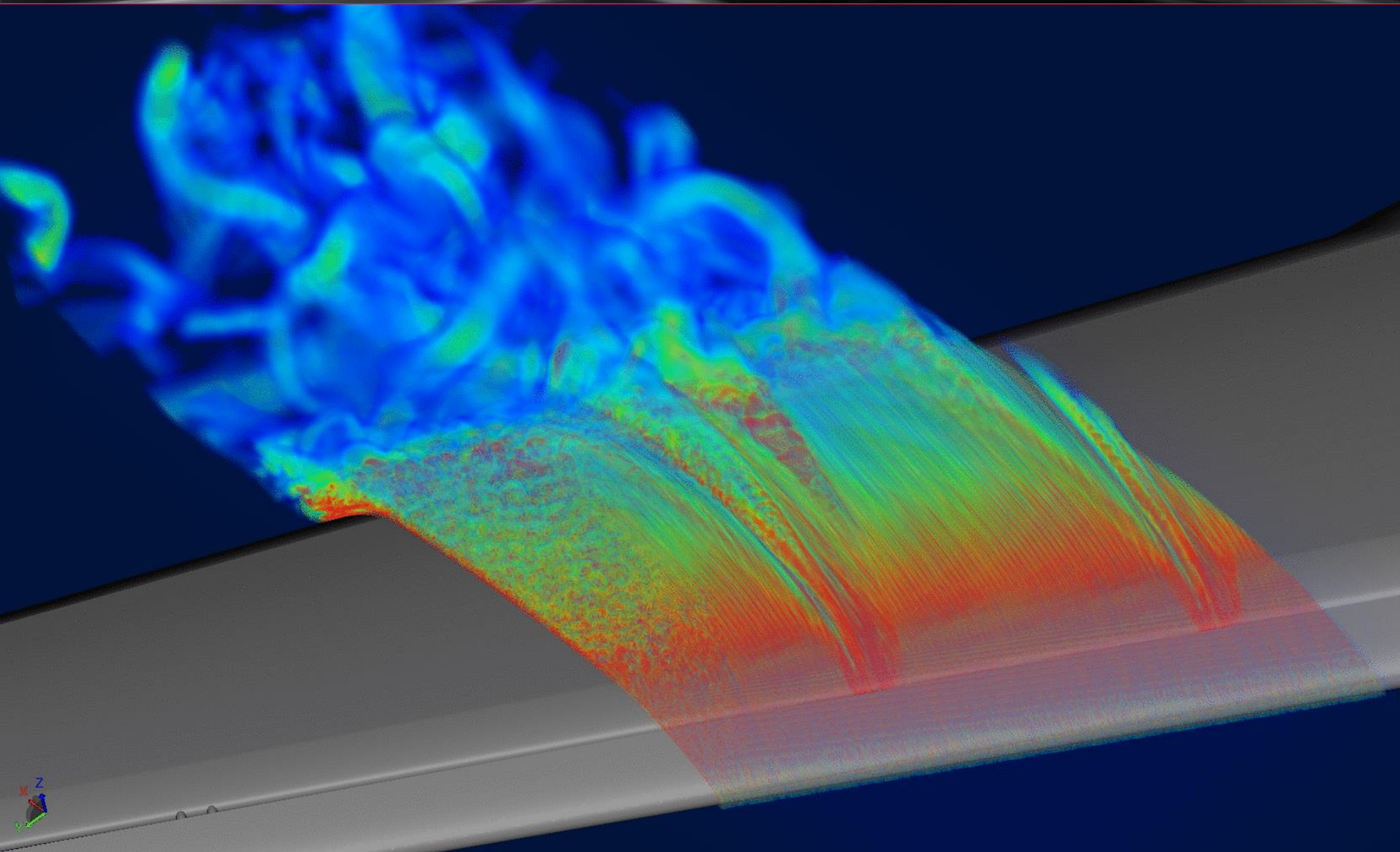
# Summary

- $C_{L,max}$  levels well matched
- Good agreement on Reynolds number effects
- Missed correct stall mechanism
- Laminar/turbulent transition shows significant effect on  $C_{L,max}$  at low Reynolds number
- Simulation of wind tunnel
  - *Requires appropriate corrections for final conclusions*

# Conclusions/Next steps

- Good  $C_{L,max}$ -prediction of fully-turbulent free-air simulations could be due to compensation of errors
  - *Main flow separation not captured*
  - *Laminar flow not accounted for*
  - *Wind tunnel effects on maximum lift unclear*
- Need to fully understand and capture the stall mechanism
  - *Further investigations of tube bundles geometry shape*
- Need to check wind tunnel corrections or include wind tunnel in simulations
- Include transitional predictions in WT simulations

# Thank you!



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# Appendix – Generic WT Corrections

## Derivation

- based on lifting line (AGARD-AG-109, p. 101)

- Angle of Attack

$$-\Delta\alpha = \delta_0 \frac{s}{c} C_L = \delta_\alpha C_L$$

- Lift

$$-\Delta C_L = -\delta_1 \frac{\bar{c}}{2\beta h} \frac{s}{c} \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} C_L = \delta_{CL} C_L$$

- Drag

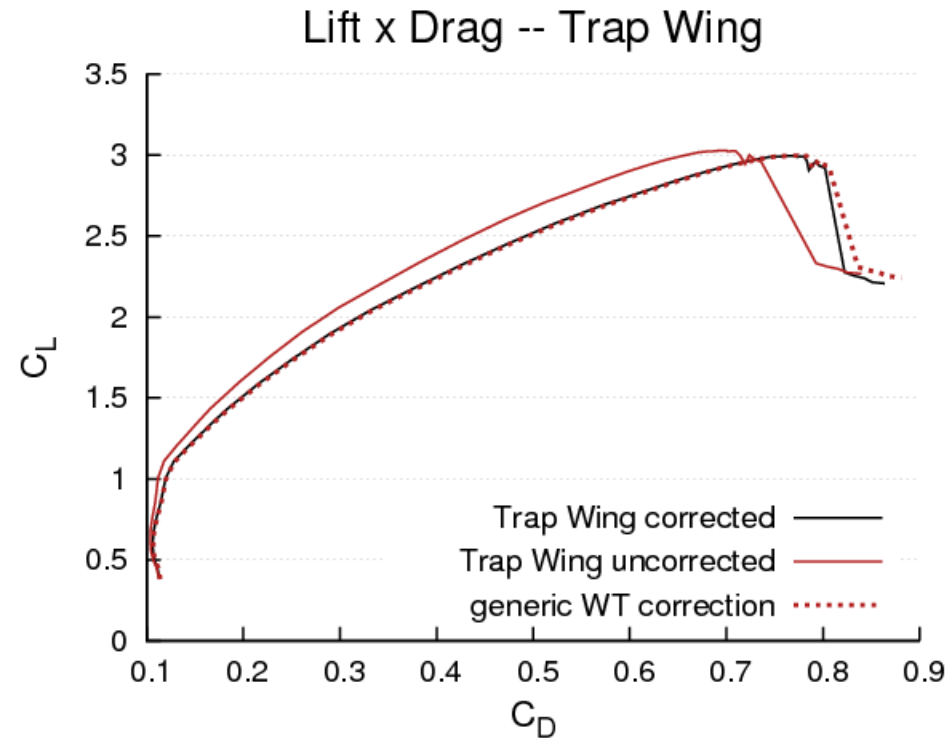
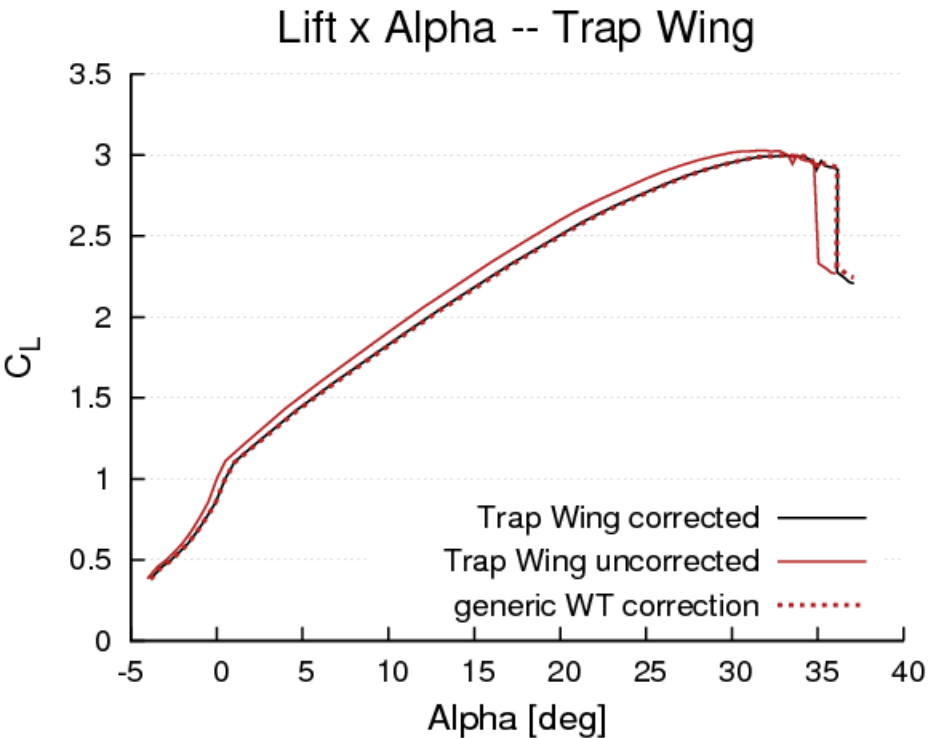
$$-\Delta C_D = \delta_0 \frac{s}{c} C_L^2 = \delta_\alpha C_L^2$$

- Pitching Moment

$$-\Delta C_M = \delta_1 \frac{\bar{c}}{16\beta h} \frac{s}{c} \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} C_L = -\frac{\delta_{CL}}{8} C_L$$



# Appendix – Generic WT Corrections Applied to Trap Wing



- Generic Correction based on structure given
  - AGARD-AG-109 (*Subsonic Wind Tunnel Wall Corrections*)
  - AGARD-AG-336 (*Wind Tunnel Wall Correction*)
- Interference parameters for AoA and lift chosen to reproduce the corrected data

